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a final decision being taken on them. The Papanasam Reservoir project was not then ready for examination as gaugings were being taken. The Special Executive Engineer in charge of the Project Division made only a passing reference to it, and no others.

(*d*) Yes. The Papanasam project. Smaller schemes, viz., improvements to Marandai channel and extension of irrigation under Mandaikulam anicut and tank are under consideration by local officers.

Irrigation project for Papanasam, Tinnevelly district.

* 476 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the investigation of an irrigation project for Papanasam; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to consult the Tinnevelly public before final orders are passed on this project?

A.—(*a*) The Superintending Engineer has been directed by the Chief Engineer to examine the rainfall records and report on the possibility of taking up the Papanasam reservoir project as an independent irrigation scheme.

(*b*) The question of consulting the ryots concerned will be considered.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN :—" With reference to clause (*a*) of this question, may I know how long the matter has been under the consideration of the Government? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Progress of the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district.

* 477 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Tank Restoration Scheme work in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) the total area within the scope of the investigation with particulars for each basin, major and minor;

(*b*) the area that has been fully investigated up to now, with particulars as aforesaid;

(*c*) the works which have been executed in pursuance of the proposals and estimates prepared as a result of the investigation;

(*d*) the works for which estimates have been prepared, but not sanctioned for execution till now; and the works sanctioned and not executed;

(*e*) the works in respect of which execution is in progress; and

(*f*) what the Government propose to do to resume the investigation work which has been left incomplete?